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BRIDGE BUILT -- Budapest, Hireka Magyar Nepi Demokraciabol, 16 Nov 50

A new bridge, spanning the Tarna River, has been built at Verpelet.

NEW STALIN BRIDGE CAN DOUBLE AS RR BRIDGE -- Budapest, Hirek a Magyar Nepi Demokraciabol, 10 Nov 50

The largest bridge in Central Europe, the Stalin bridge, was opened for traffic on 7 November 1950. It spans the Danube River, connecting Obuda and Angyalfold.

The total length of the bridge, including the Pest and Obuda approaches, is nearly 2 kilometers. Actually, this is not one bridge, but a series of bridges, connected by three large and one small iron bridge with ten entrances, four concrete bridges, and the immense semicircular, concrete, castle-like overpass from Margaret Island (Margit Sziget). The bridge is regularly open for automobile, bus, and trolley traffic.

Lajos Bebrits, Minister of Communication and Posts, pointed out that the trolley tracks may be used in regular rail traffic. Consequently until the rebuilding of the Ujpest railroad bridge, coal from Dorog will arrive faster on this more direct route.

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